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Prominent Negroes of the Independent League Interview Woodrow Wilson

IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE ATTITUDE OF GOV. WILSON,

Democratic Candidate for President, towards the Negro and his Rights, a Committee from the National Independent Political League composed of the following gentlemen interviewed the Governor on July 16th.

They were Rev. J. Milton Waldron, of Washington, D. C., national organizer, Dr. Wm. H. Harris of Washington, a vice-president and assistant organizer, Wm. Monroe Trotter, of Boston, Mass., secretary, Robert N. Wood, chairman of the Colored Democracy of New York, and A. B. Cosey, Esq., chairman of the Colored Democracy of New Jersey and committeeman of the Independent League.

The Interview.

Rev. Waldron opened the interview by telling the Democratic candidate that this Colored league was out against Republicans for deceiving the Colored people not protecting them, and was advocating a division of the Colored vote, and that these men in view of the failure of the Democratic convention to put in a plank in favor of the Colored people, wanted the race to have some assurance from him that he was not against their equal rights. He then called on Mr. Trotter who read a typewritten appeal to the Governor to assure the Colored people that as president he would not favor aggressions in their rights. The appeal was then handed to the Governor. Next Mr. Wood appealed to the Governor as a man of high training and with

an untrammelled nomination to set an example of a democrat and Southerner who would oppose injustice and oppression for color.

The Governor's reply—"I will observe the law and in the spirit of Christianity."

The Governor in reply expressed himself as in moral sympathy with the formal appeal read by Mr. Trotter. He said that the president did not have power to interfere with all the appeal contained, but he deprecated race and color prejudice.

"If elected to the Presidency," he said, "I shall observe the law in its letter and spirit. And this is after all a rather low standard. I shall do so in the spirit of the Christian religion. As President I shall try to be a Christian gentleman."

In answer to a question he said he would accord even-handed justice and equal rights to all regardless of race or color in his position as president.

The Governor was told of the charge that he was the enemy of the Colored people and their rights. He asserted that this was not true. He expressed himself as being their friend and was sorry he was so misrepresented. He said that he believed that according to the Colored people, rights and recognition in the North would tend to bring this about in the South, and that he believed color prejudice would gradually die out there by the progressive development of the sense of justice.

The Governor authorized the members of the delegation to make known to the Colored people his

position. All thanked him for his friendly expressions and willingness to encourage a division of the Colored vote and asked him to make a public statement. He said he had no desire to urge the race issue with the campaign, as he regarded the omission of any Negro plank in the Democratic platform to mean that no race issue was involved as no attack on anybody's rights was contemplated, but that when during the campaign, the matter came up or an occasion presented itself he would speak of it.

Delegation Pleased.

The interview lasted over twenty minutes. At the close the Governor shook hands cordially with each one and each thanked him for his friendly expressions. With the Governor's hand clasped in his, Mr. Trotter said: "Governor, a special responsibility rests on me as editor of a Colored newspaper. I am glad I can tell the Colored people that if elected president you will accord even-handed and equal rights to all regardless of race or color." "Certainly," said the Governor, positively.

—(Boston Guardian.)

NO NEGRO ENDORSED

In spite of the fact that the Negroes have two candidates for office, to be voted for at the coming primaries and despite the fact of the colored voter's loyalty to the Johnson-Lissner machine, that said machine gave the Negroes no consideration in handing out their indorsement.

Rev. David R. Jones, a man of good character and of exceptional

ability, is candidate for Supervisor from the Second Supervisorial district and Rev. Edward T. Hubbard a man also of good character and excellent attainments, is candidate for the Assembly from the 74th Assembly district and both of whom are on the Roosevelt end of the struggle in this state, despite this fact, and although the Johnson-Lissner machine expect the Negroes of this county to support Col. Bolter Brownsville Roosevelt for president against President Taft, they treated Jones and Hubbard as well as the Negro voters with the utmost contempt. The Negro who can support any candidate endorsed by the Lissner machine, must be a miserable specimen of a Negro. And such a Negro is unworthy of the confidence of his race. Imagine the race having a worse enemy than such a cheap unmanly traitor in black.

As for Mr. Lissner, he has never shown any disposition to give the Negro a square deal; and he, being a Jew, a member also of an oppressed and despised race, one would hardly expect to find in him a wide-horned ox in the pathway of a struggling, down-trodden people. But such is nevertheless the truth.

KEPT COLONEL ROOSEVELT FROM SPEAKING TO THE COLORED Y. M. C. A.

Several years ago, when Col. Roosevelt visited this city to lecture in the interest of the white Y. M. C. A., the present secretary of the colored Y. M. C. A. addressed a letter to Mr. Roosevelt asking him to make a short speech for that branch which would result in great financial aid for it. In reply, Col. Roosevelt expressed not only a willingness, but a desire to aid them with a speech and personal appeal for money the branch needed. He, however, stated that he was in the hands of Mr. Lissner and would be governed by his wishes in the matter, or words to that effect. When the matter was taken up with Mr. Lissner, it was turned down with the propo-

sition that the Negroes might have one or more tickets to the Roosevelt lecture. In this, he was unlike the great Julius Rosenwald, also a Jew, who is giving hundreds of thousands of dollars of his own money to promote just such institutions.

When Mr. Lissner, as head of the Good Government movement, appealed to the colored voters to assist in rescuing this city and state from the so-called machine, they went to his rescue, in spite of the persecution and denunciation heaped upon them. As soon as the Lissner machine took the place of the old, the color line was drawn in the public service. For the first time in fifteen years, all the Negroes have been let out of the public parks, and all teams owned by Negroes turned out of the street department. Juggling the civil service the Negroes are kept out of the police and fire departments and the door of the Nurse-training department of the County Hospital closed to the colored girls simply on account of their color. With a record like this, made by the Lissner Good Government push, is there a Negro so base and unmanly as to support a candidate burdened with their endorsement? With a record like the above, for them to expect the Negro vote, shows the contempt with which they hold the Negro.

In the 74th Assembly District, a District containing a larger Negro population than perhaps any other similar District in the state, they ignored Rev. E. T. Hubbard, the Negro candidate, and who is also a Roosevelt supporter and indorsed Mr. Mouser, thus denying to the Negroes representation. This action has made plain the duty of every Negro in that district, and that is to see to it that either Mr. E. T. Hubbard or Mr. F. R. Pitney or the strongest opposition candidate is given the nomination in that district. With the Lissner indorsement, Mr. Mouser, though a good man, is too heavy for the Negro voters to carry.

We understand that the Lissner

machine has also endorsed Mr. Henry Lyon for State Senator, but that endorsement was given Mr. Lyon to handicap him, knowing as they did, that owing to his popularity, he could win without it. With their solid opposition, Mr. Lyon, with the support of the Negroes, was elected to the Assembly two years ago. Mr. Lyon's popularity with the colored voters is due to his individual, square dealings with them.

"TAMING THE WILD"

"Taming the Wild" was the subject of a lecture delivered at the Y. M. C. A. by Mr. J. L. Murcham of Arizona last Sunday. A good sized audience was present and was much edified by the lecturer.

BURN A WHITE MAN ALIVE

Boys Wanted to See Him Run

(By Federal Wireless Line to the Times.)

MEMPHIS (Tenn.) July 29.—(Special Dispatch.) Two boys, one 18 and the other ten, are under arrest here charged with burning a man to death. They are Mitchell Cabiniss and Clarence Shaw. Shaw, the elder of the boys, is held for manslaughter, while the other has been turned over to the Juvenile Court. The boys while walking through one of the city parks, saw Robert Ellis, a tramp, asleep on a bench. They procured a gallon of oil, poured it over his clothing, and applied a match. The flames, leaping ten feet in the air, roasted the man from head to foot. Their only excuse was that they wished to see Ellis "hot foot it through the park."

MR. P. J. ALEXANDER, A WELL KNOWN JANITOR, REMOVES TO HIS RANCH.

It is no uncommon thing for white men who, after holding positions as janitors and custodians of buildings, to resign such positions to become ranchers. We know of several cases of well-to-do ranchers who a few years

ago were janitors in this city. But colored men holding such positions in too many cases never aspire to anything higher. Too often they are perfectly contented to hold such positions till dismissal or death, and then bequeath them to their sons. It is useless to say that no toil, no matter how humble, is dishonorable; but, every laborer should be ambitious to some day employ himself. To be without such ambition, is to be wanting in a very important trait.

Mr. P. J. Alexander, of the firm of Alexander & Bowman, janitors and custodians of the Fay building for a number of years, has set an example that scores of our citizens and heads of families could follow with profit. Some time ago, Messrs. Alexander and Jackson purchased a twenty-acre ranch at Cypress Station 40 minute's ride from this city and removed there with their families in order that their children might enjoy the freedom of the country, and at the same time learn the lessons of self-dependence. They have ten acres in corn and a fine crop of sugar beets. Aside from their corn and beet crops, they have 650 head of poultry and send to the market from 8 to 12 dozen eggs per day. They are preparing to go extensively into hog raising.

The ladies and children are simply delighted with the change and would not exchange their free, easy, happy country life for that of the city.

While still holding his position as custodian of the Fay building, Mr. Alexander makes the trip morning and evening to and from the city and says the change produced by the round trip is something delightful. He hopes in the near future to with Mr. Jackson to give his entire attention to the ranch. Their water for irrigation is supplied by a flowing artesian well on the premises. Mr. Alexander owns an excellent home in this city; this with his ranch is conclusive proof that he has made good use of his earnings while serving as janitor and laid well the foundations for future independence

The children of such men are very apt to act well their part in race development.

A statement made by a Pullman conductor is worthy of repetition just here. Standing in front of his car, in his bright new suit, a friend stepping up to him, said: "You look so kingly in that suit," "Perhaps so," said the conductor, "but I hope my son will never wear such a suit with its beautiful buttons and cap. It is a badge of servitude." "If my son should become a railroad man, I trust he will reach a position that will require nothing to designate his employment." The moral is plain.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

The Annual Old Folks' Dinner, at the First A. M. E. Church, was largely attended. The attendance being the largest in the history. There were quite a number of persons past eighty and more than a score past seventy. There were many interesting reminiscences related by that group of men and women, the remnant of a generation that has passed.

THE VENICE BAPTIST CHURCH CLOSES BIG RALLY

Other Seaside Notes

The big rally at the Venice Baptist Church resulted in raising over two hundred dollars. The B. Y. P. U. of the church rendered a pleasing literary program which closed the rally. Mr. Jas. A. Reese, president of the local Union and secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of Southern California, introduced Mr. Henderson in a very appropriate manner, who delivered the welcome address and Mr. W. G. Randolph, president of S. S. Convention responded to the welcome address which was well received by the audience. Mr. E. J. Peters acted as master of ceremonies. A splendid program was rendered. Among those taking part were Mrs. A. L. Reese, who rendered an instrumental solo; Mr. L. Hubbard and Miss Margaret Prince each sang solos.

Excellent papers were read by Messrs. A. L. Reese, S. Sercy and J. A. Reese. Duet by Messrs. Fields and Givens with an instrumental selection by W. G. Randolph. Participants on the program being composed of the best talent of Los Angeles, Pasadena and Venice was rendered to the great delight of a big audience. The B. Y. P. U. donated the church \$26.00. The captain was presented with a beautiful hand-made centerpiece made by the pastor's wife.

A very dainty three course luncheon was served Sunday at the Bay City Cafe. Covers were laid for ten.

The rally of the First Baptist Church of Venice ended Sunday. A large sum of money was turned in by the various clubs.

Messrs. Claude Tylor and W. R. Pollard were pleasant callers Sunday.

Mrs. E. V. Moxley, J. A. Stout and Misses Mattie Dudley, Ella Hunt and H. Brown spent the week in Los Angeles attending the State Federation of Womens Clubs.

Mrs. Nethers of Oakland is the guest of Mrs. Moxley.

MRS. WILSON WILL SPEAK

Mrs. J. H. Wilson of Riverside, wife of the Presiding Elder Wilson, will address the Lyceum next Sunday, August 4th. Everybody invited, ladies especially.

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THE JAPANESE EMPEROR DEAD

The death of the Japanese Emperor which occurred this week, brought to an end a glorious reign. During the forty-four years that he had occupied the Japanese throne, that nation has risen from an insignificant position to a place among the first world-powers. Their military success is unequalled by any modern nation and their crushing defeat of the Russian armies marks the beginning of the ascendancy of the dark races. Their glorious victory over Russia has been heralded among the dark

races whether savage or civilized everywhere and hailed as the breaking of the day—the coming of the reign of universal justice. In the far away impenetrable jungles of Africa where the newspaper and telegraph have never been seen or heard, the story of that great victory is as well understood and as generally known among the savage tribes as it is in London or Paris.

Messrs. B. A. Johnson, Fred Butler and Mr. Taylor of Sacramento, were pleasant callers at our office this week. These gentlemen are prominent in business and social circles in the Capitol City.

GOLDEN ADVICE

During his sermon last Sunday, Rev. Kenchen made a strong and fervent appeal for more race love and unity. He strongly condemned the frequency with which church members settle their differences in court, which could be more easily settled out of court., and warned colored lawyers against encouraging litigation among the race. While practicing their profession, the Negro lawyers can render a great service to the race by discouraging unnecessary lawsuits.

The examples set by Abraham Lincoln and other great lawyers of this country who discouraged in every way possible lawsuits that could be settled out of court, are worthy of emulation.

Of course, such lawyers did not become millionaires, but rendered services to humanity that will be as lasting as the race.

He also urged newspaper men to keep themselves out of their editorial columns to the end that they be not used to vent personal spleen. But that they make use of their space to encourage race unity and elevation, while fearlessly condemning practices that tend to impede the progress of the race. He said, however, that the editors who have brought about great reforms were uncompromising and fierce in their denunciation of wrong. He sighted Horace Greely and William Lloyd Garrison

as shining examples. He said further that men who act from high motives frequently found themselves compelled to take positions and say things that they had rather not say, but placing duty above personal feelings, they fearlessly performed their tasks. Only big men can do such things.

MR. F. R. PITNEY FOR THE ASSEMBLY

The gentleman whose name appears above is a candidate for Assemblyman and is worthy of the support of every honest and intelligent voter in his district. We refer to and heartily recommend Frank R. Pitney, who will go to Sacramento and will represent the 74th District. Remarks upon Mr. Pitney's ability and fitness for the position are unnecessary. He is an old Los Angeles boy and well and favorably known. However, to those who are not personally acquainted with Mr. Pitney, we can truly state that we know him to be absolutely fair and square, honest and outspoken in his convictions. Calls a spade a spade, and, irrespective of creed, color or wealth, will serve all the people all the time. You can vote for him without making a mistake.

Atty. W. O. Tyler delivered a splendid address to a big crowd at the Lyceum last Sunday. In a masterly way he reviewed the political history of the country from the formation of the government to the close of the reconstruction period.

He closed his address with a strong appeal to the audience for the cultivation of patriotism and those manly and womanly traits of character that commands the respect of right thinking people.

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Mr. Morgan T. White, one of our leading secret society men, is attending the National Grand Lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship which is in session at Chicago. Mr. White goes as a delegate from the local U. B. F. lodge and S. M. T. Mr. White is a man of ability who will reflect great credit upon the lodges he represents. The lodges are to be

congratulated upon their wise selection.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Patterson, of Washington, with the assistance of Mrs. Katie Battle, 1429 E. 15th Street, entertained in honor of Miss Hattie May Davage, niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sykes. About twelve were present. The evening was spent in musical selections by Miss Davage and Mrs. Sykes, which were well enjoyed by the party. Covers were laid for and dainty refreshments were served. Miss Davage is one of the leading young school teachers of the Southland and is spending her vacation here. She is a prominent member of society. She leaves Sept. 15th to re-open school.

Full account of the grand affair will appear in our next issue. In representation the business women took the lead; Mrs. Bessie E. Prentiss read a great paper. Full account next week.

Mrs. W. H. Joyce, wife of the well known and popular grocer of 1522 W. 35th Place, is in Memphis, Tenn. for a two months' stay, with relatives. While en route to Memphis, she made short visits in San Francisco, Salt Lake City and Denver.

Mrs. S. W. Thompson of Phoenix Arizona, is the house guest of Mrs. N. W. Coob of 1547 W. 36th St. She arrived on the 21st. Mrs. Thompson is delighted with our splendid climate, cool breezes and beautiful flowers.

THE LYCEUM'S BANQUET

The banquet tendered the business and professional men by the People's Lyceum was a tremendous success. In spite of the sickness of many persons who would have been present, and the absence from the city of many others interested, sixty banqueters, representing every department of business, were seated around the festal

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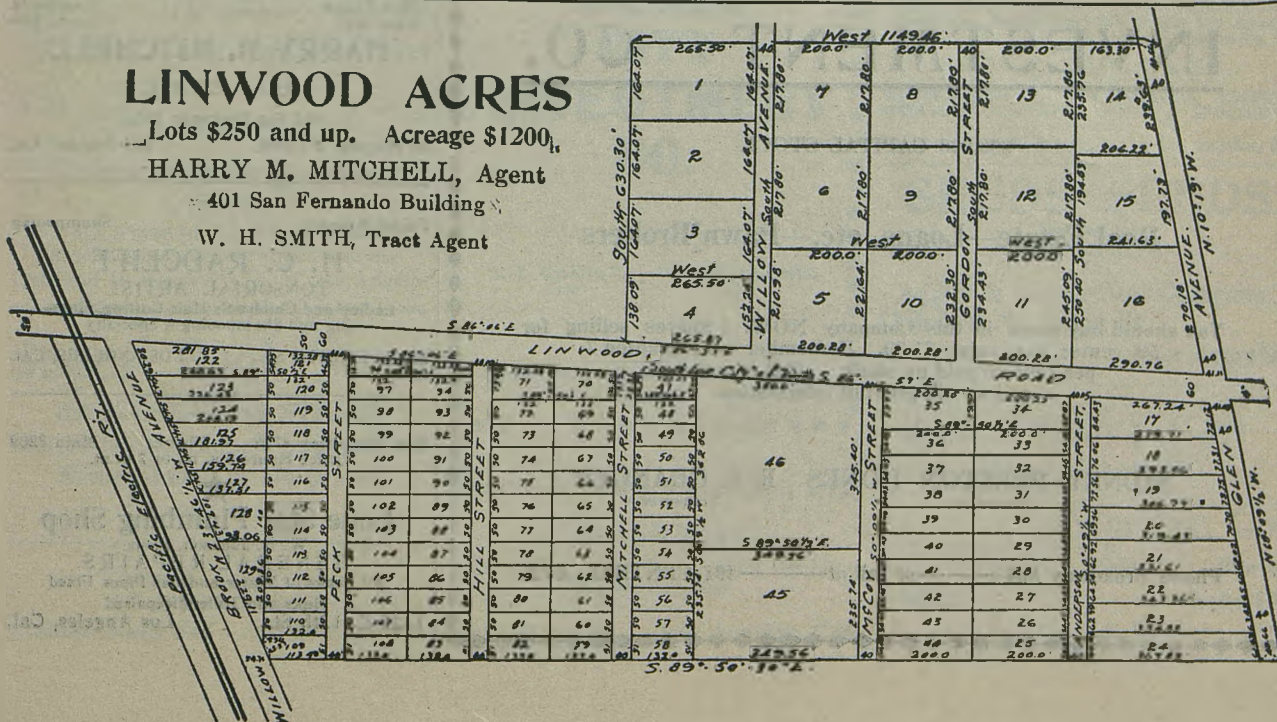
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